



# HANOVER-HORTON SCHOOL DISTRICT

10400 Moscow Road  
Horton, MI 49246

## NEWSLETTER

JANUARY 2011

### *Special Points of*

#### *Interest:*

### **PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES**

Jan. 25 - MS/HS Grades  
4:00-7:30 pm

March 3 - K-5 4:00-7:30 pm  
4 - K-5 1:00-4:00 pm

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### **SPRING BREAK**

Week of April 4

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### **NO SCHOOL DATES**

January 17 No School

February 18 No School

February 21 No School

March 1 Juniors Only  
Report - MME Tests

March 4 No School For  
Juniors Only -  
Everyone Else Reports

March 4 Grades K-5  
Half Day

March 11 Grades 6-12  
Half Day

April 1 Grades K-12  
Half Day

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## **GIRL'S CROSS-COUNTRY**

### *BACK-TO-BACK STATE CHAMPIONS*



Hanover Horton High School  
Cross Country 2010

dividual state runner up, all-state three years and school record holder with a time of 17:54. Megan Hubbard was two time all-state, academic all-state, and all-conference, all-regional and Dream Team for two consecutive years. Emily Wrozek was two time all-state, four time all-conference, Cascade Confer-

The girls cross country team won their second consecutive state title this fall. They won nine invitationals and finished the season undefeated with a 203-0 record. They won their 11<sup>th</sup> Cascade Conference title and second straight Regional title. The girls had six all-state runners and have won 76 consecutive Cascade Conference regular season dual meets. Lindsey Burdette, Megan Hubbard, Emily Wrozek, Sharon Morgan, Kelly Morgan, Shannon Richardson and Sierra Melling all competed at the state meet at MIS. Lindsey Burdette was named Jackson Citizen Patriot Runner of the Year, regional and conference champion three consecutive years, captain, in-

ence champion once, three time all-regional, four time all-area and team captain twice. Sharon Morgan was two time all-state and four time all-conference, all-regional and all-area. Kelly Morgan was all-state once, all-area and four time all-conference and all-regional. Shannon Richardson was all-area, all-conference and all-regional. Sierra Melling was twice all-conference and all-area. Chara Sykes was named MVP due to her captain's ability. Six of this year's runners rank in the top seven for Hanover-Horton cross country history. It was an outstanding year for the girls and they earned every bit of their success.

### **NOTE FROM OUR ATHLETIC DEPARTMENT**

**Thank you to all the supportive community members that devote so much time and money in our athletic programs. Your continued support and assistance provide our students an outstanding environment to play sports.**

**Thank you from the athletic department!**

## FROM THE DESK OF SUPERINTENDENT

### LINDA BRIAN...

It's been a busy fall in Comet Land. We won a back to back State Championship in Girl's Cross Country. It was so exciting to be a part of that experience. I am so proud of our athletes, coaches, parents and even those spectators from previous years that came and cheered them on to victory.

Our girl's golf team finished tenth in the state in Class "C" at the state finals this fall. Our girl's volleyball team holds a state record for Class "C" consecutive District Championships, winning number thirteen this year. That's the third longest winning streak in all athletic divisions!

This fall also saw the implementation of the trimester schedule at the middle school and the high school. We were impressed with how smoothly the transition went for our students. The preliminary report on improved achievement levels has impressed us so far. Our students like

the fact that we have expanded our selection of course offerings once more.

This is a great school district. The people in our area care about our schools, staff and most importantly our kids. I am personally thankful for the outpouring of kindness and genuine concern that I have experienced this fall. I can't begin to let you all know how much that has meant to me and to my family. Please know that it is indeed a pleasure to be a part of the Hanover-Horton community.

Happy New Year and Go Comets!



We have made safety improvements in the elementary, middle and high school lots. Please make sure that you follow the posted speed limit and safety signs. At the elementary please do not enter the bus area when buses are loading or unloading. We have added a cross-walk and crossing guard in the back of the building as well as a drop off area right by the back entrance.

### *Parking Lot Safety*

New traffic lanes and expanded parking areas have improved traffic flow at the middle school and high school. Parents, please make sure that you follow the directional signs and stop at all cross walks when students and/or staff are present. Do not enter traffic lanes in the wrong direction. We need everyone to cooperate and help keep our kids and staff safe. Thank you.





## Kindergarten Round-Up Parent Meeting

The elementary will be holding a parent meeting for all incoming kindergartners on Wednesday, March 23, 2011 at 6:30 pm in the elementary gymnasium. This is a very important meeting which will discuss:

- \*what to bring with you and expect at Kindergarten Round-Up;
- \*how to fill out the forms required for registration;
- \*the different skills we'd like each child to have before entering Kindergarten;
- \*what they will learn throughout the school year;
- \*transportation information;
- \*our food service program; and
- \*the Kids Club program.

At this meeting parents will also be able to sign up for a Round-Up time. We look forward to seeing you!



## Kindergarten Round-Up April 27 & 28

All children who will be 5 years of age on or before December 1, 2011 are eligible to attend. Please make an appointment for your child at the parent meeting, which will be held on March 23, 2011. If you are unable to attend the meeting, the elementary office will take reservations starting March 24<sup>th</sup> up until the first day of Round-Up.

Please bring:

- ☼ your kindergartner
- ☼ immunization record
- ☼ original birth certificate
- ☼ paperwork from the parent meeting

*We look forward to seeing you!*

### LIL' COMETS PRESCHOOL

**Register now for January classes. Tuesday and Thursday morning , 9:00-11:30, are still available. We offer school readiness, free play, projects and snacks daily All our staff are certified in CPR, First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogens and have received Criminal Background checks. The following items will need to be presented at the time of registration:**

- **Birth certificate**
- **Proof of immunizations**
- **Recent physical**

**Please call (517) 563-0124 to Register or for more information.**



If you need a safe, fun place to leave your child before school starts or after school gets out, consider our Latchkey program located within the Elementary building. Pay only for days you attend, and use this program as you need. We offer help with homework, easy transition to and from class and snacks. Open mornings at 6:30 a.m. and close evenings at 6:00 p.m. All staff is certified CPR, First Aid, Blood Borne Pathogens and have received a criminal background check.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

PLEASE CALL 563-0107

## CHILD CARE

## *Hanover-Horton High School receives Forward Thinking Sponsorship*

A Community Credit Union recently announced that their quarterly Forward Thinking Partnership Program grant has been awarded to Hanover-Horton High School. Mr. Scott Marvin, high school Art teacher, accepted the check in the amount of \$1,260.83 on behalf of our Art Department for the purpose of displaying student art work at school, special events and county art fairs. The objectives are improving student self-esteem by displaying art work at public venues, and increasing the visibility and image of the school. All Hanover-Horton students enrolled in a fine arts class

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## *Motion Commotion*

Students in Mrs. Raburn's and Mrs. Salow's Science classes are investigating Newton's Three Laws of Motion. In the first experiment of the unit, their task is to decrease the speed of a marble rolling down an inclined plane. Knowledge of friction and balanced and unbalanced forces must be used to achieve a decrease in time. Next, they will be using the data to calculate acceleration and speed.



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## *Potlatch for Fifth Graders*

On Friday, November 5, the fifth grade celebrated a Native American Potlatch, which is a special ceremony where gifts are given, games are played, and a huge feast is eaten. Students participated in Native games, made masks, carved animals from soap bars, made their own butter for the cooking demonstration and painted Native American signs on sheets which were later used to build teepees. A special visitor, Gray Wolf, told about his life as a medicine man of the Great Plains Tribes. Students made Indian cakes on an open fire with Mrs. Reed, who demonstrated pioneer life on a wagon train. At the end of the potlatch, teepees were built and gifts made by the students were traded. Thanks to all who helped make the potlatch a memorable event.



**A BIG thank you goes to Rountree Meats, Lowe's, Polly's Country Market on Ferguson, Eaton Corporation, Baymont Inn, Mr. & Mrs. Bill Reed for their generous donations and parents for their help.**

## *Eighth Graders Visit Career Center*

On December 9, the 8th grade students made their annual visit to the Jackson Area Career Center. Students got to visit four different classrooms to become familiar with the offerings at the Career Center.



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## *Gift Idea for All Occasions*

Looking for a unique gift idea? Why not make a donation to the Hanover-Horton Middle/High School Library in honor of a friend or family member? As with many organizations, we too, are experiencing financial difficulties when it comes to purchasing new materials for our library. Donations are now being accepted to purchase new books and Accelerated Reader tests. A donation of \$3 can purchase a new AR test, and a donation of \$10 can buy a new paperback book. If you would like to donate, or if you would like more information, stop by the library or email Mrs. Vinton at [belinda.vinton@hanoverhorton.org](mailto:belinda.vinton@hanoverhorton.org).

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## *PTA Offers Gift Cards On-Line*

The PTA is offering a great opportunity to purchase gift cards on-line from over 75 different retailers. Every retailer is donating back to the PTA a certain percentage. Take a moment and access an order form to check out what is available. Soon we will have a link to the PTA on our website; but in the meantime, the instructions to access the order form are listed below.

- Go to: [www.shopwithscrip.com](http://www.shopwithscrip.com)
- Click on Family Sign Up: [Create Account](#)
- Fill out steps 1-5 and accept
- Answer two security questions
- Enter Enrollment code: C56EC69627296
- Then click on PLACE ORDER

If you would like an order form e-mailed to you, please contact [kay51981@hotmail.com](mailto:kay51981@hotmail.com). Please reference in the subject line HH PTA Fundraiser.

The PTA believes this program will be a great benefit to the community and is hoping to see a lot of participation.

Please mark your calendar and try to attend our PTA meeting on January 13th at 7 p.m. in the Elementary Library.

# DATES TO KNOW



January:

- 3 School Resumes
- 4 Girl's BB (**GBB**)@ E Jackson 5:30 pm
- 6 Boy's BB (**BBB**) w/Grass Lake 5:30 pm
- 7 ACT Registration Deadline Test Date Feb.12  
GBB w/Manchester 5:30 pm
- 8 BBB w/Leslie 5:30 pm
- 10 Music Booster 7 pm  
BBB @ Homer 6 pm  
Competitive Cheer (Cheer) @ Springport 6:30 pm
- 11 GBB w/Michigan Center 5:30 pm  
Cheer @ Mich Center 6 pm
- 12 NHS Blood Drive in the HS/MS Library
- 13 PTA Meeting 7 pm  
BBB @ Napoleon 5:30 pm
- 14 GBB @ Grass Lake 5:30 pm
- 17 No School for Students  
Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 18 BBB @ Lenawee Christian 5:30 pm
- 20 Market Day Pickup at Elementary  
Scrip Order Pickup at Elementary  
GBB @ Napoleon 5:30 pm
- 21 BBB @ VCL 5:30 pm
- 25 Jazz Band to District Festival (Mason)  
MS/HS Parent/Teacher Conf. 4-7:30 pm
- 26 Cheer HH Jamboree 6 pm
- 27 GBB @ Addison 5:30 pm
- 28 K-5 End of 2nd 9 Weeks  
BBB w/E Jackson (Snowfest) 5:30 pm
- 29 HS Solo & Ensemble (Jonesville)
- 31 GBB w/Concord 5:30 pm

February:

- 1 BBB w/Manchester 5:30 pm
- 2 Cheer @ Columbia 6 pm
- 3 GBB w/VCL 5:30
- 4 BBB w/Mich Center 5:30 pm
- 5 GBB w/Leslie 5:30  
Cheer @ VCL 10 am
- 7 Music Boosters 7 pm  
GBB w/Western 5:30 pm
- 8 BBB @ Addison 5:30 pm
- 9 State Pupil Accounting Day  
Cheer @ Manchester 6 pm
- 10 PTA Meeting 7 pm  
GBB w/E Jackson 5:30 pm
- 11 BBB @ Grass Lake 5:30 pm
- 12 ACT Test Day (Registered by Jan 7)  
Cheer @ Jonesville 10 am
- 14 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm  
GBB @ Springport 5:30 pm  
Happy Valentines Day
- 15 BBB w/Napoleon 5:30 pm
- 16 Cheer - Conf @ Manchester TBA
- 17 Market Day Pickup at Elementary  
Scrip Order Pickup at Elementary  
GBB @ Manchester 5:30 pm



- 17 - 19 Cedarville University Music  
Showcase Weekend
- 18 No School  
BBB w/VCL 5:30 pm
- 18 - 19 Cheer Districts @ TBA
- 21 No School  
GBB @ Hudson 5:30 pm
- 22 BBB @ E Jackson 5:30 pm
- 24 GBB @ Mich Center 5:30 pm
- 25 BBB @ Manchester 5:30 pm
- 26 Cheer Regional @ TBA
- 28—3/4 GBB Districts @ Mich Center TBA

March:

- 1 **Juniors Only Attend**—MME Test  
All Other Students—No School  
BBB Detroit Midtown 5:30 pm
- 3 K-5 Parent/Teacher Conf. 4-7:30 pm  
BBB @ Mich Center 5:30 pm
- 4 All Grades Except Juniors Attend  
No School For Juniors  
K-5 Parent/Teach Conf. 1-4 pm  
K-5 Half Day  
ACT Registration Due (April 9 Test)
- 4 - 8 Senior Portfolio Presentations
- 5 Cheer State Finals @ TBA
- 7 - 11 BBB Districts @ Grass Lake TBA
- 8 - 10 GBB Regionals @ TBA
- 9 - 11 High School Exams
- 10 PTA Meeting 7 pm
- 11 6-12 Half Day  
High School Exams, End of 2nd Trimester
- 12 Jazz Festival—WMU Invitational
- 14 Music Booster 7 pm
- 14 - 16 BBB Regional @ TBA
- 15 - 19 GBB @ Quarters, Semis & Finals TBA
- 17 Market Day Pickup at Elementary  
Scrip Order Pickup at Elementary
- 18 & 19 District Band & Orchestra Festival
- 21 Board of Education Meeting 6:30 pm
- 22 - 26 BBB @ Quarters, Semis & Finals TBA
- 23 Incoming Kindergarten Parent Meeting
- 25 High School Play (HS Café) 7 pm
- 26 High School State Solo & Ensemble
- 29 Winter Sports Banquet (HS Café) 6:30 pm

April:

- 1 K-12 Half Day  
K-5 End 3rd Nine Weeks
- 4—8 Spring Break
- 11 Class Resume
- 14 Music Booster Meeting 7 pm  
PTA Meeting 7 pm

BBB - Boy's Basketball

GBB - Girl's Basketball



**2010-2011 FALL ACADEMIC ATHLETIC AWARDS**

**COMET ATHLETIC REPORT**

**Academic All-Conference -**

Boy's Cross-Country	Tyler Bapst, John Clore, Derek Kinney and Matt Konieczki
Girl's Cross-Country	Natalie Huntoon, Kelly Morgan, Sharon Morgan, Chara Sykes and Emily Wrozek
Football Cheerleading	Madeline Mortimer
Football	Hunter Johnson and Ben Tallman
Girl's Golf	Danielle Hazard and Kaitlyn Thayer
Volleyball	Jasmin Bachelder, Allison Clark, Alana Miles and Brianne Wollpert

**Academic All-State -**

Boy's Cross-Country	Matt Konieczki and Bryce Stroede
Girl's Cross Country	Emily Wrozek, Sharon Morgan and Megan Hubbard; Team Award with a 3.791 GPA
Volleyball	Jasmin Bachelder, Allison Clark, Alana Miles and Brianne Wollpert; Team Award with a 3.508 GPA
Girl's Golf	Team Award with a 3.811 GPA

**COACHES AWARDS**

**Dean Blackledge** was selected by the Michigan Interscholastic Track Coaches Association to receive the "*State Coach of the Year*" award. Dean has won coach of the year honors for Division 3 multiple times, but never for all divisions. He is now eligible to receive national awards for coach of the year which will be known at a later date.

**CONGRATULATIONS**

**COACH BLACKLEDGE!!**



**A Friendly Reminder**

For the safety of Hanover-Horton children, parental supervision is required at basketball games, as well as all other athletic events. Children should not be dropped off and left unsupervised. We encourage students to be seated in the stands and have reserved a special student section for this purpose. Unruly student behavior will not be allowed.

**We appreciate your cooperation to maintain a safe and orderly environment for our athletic events.**



**DISTRICT PHONE NUMBERS**

Administration.....	517-563-0100
High School.....	517-563-0101
Athletics.....	517-563-0142
Middle School.....	517-563-0102
Elementary.....	517-563-0103 or 563-0104
Transportation.....	517-563-0106
Kids Club.....	517-563-0107
Lil' Comets.....	517-563-0124
SCHOOL CLOSINGS.....	517-563-0117

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